

# Turkey General Information

## Youth Hunts for Turkeys

A hunter must be 15 years or younger on April 12, 2008 to hunt in the general season youth hunt (April 12-14, 2008). A hunter must be 15 years or younger on April 11, 2009 to hunt in the general season youth hunt (April 11-14, 2009). A hunter applying for a controlled hunt open to youth only must be 15 years of age or younger on the opening date of the hunt for which they are applying. All youth hunters must be accompanied by a licensed adult 18 years or older who shall be close enough to be within normal conversation or hearing range without shouting or the aid of electronic devices.

Youth ages 10-11 can purchase a youth small game license and then can purchase a turkey tag and/or apply for a controlled turkey hunt.

## Tag and Permit Requirements

No person shall hunt wild turkey without having in his/her possession the appropriate hunting license, general tag, extra tag, special unit tag and/or a controlled hunt permit.

A hunter may harvest as many turkeys as they have legal tags for during the year. There will be three types of turkey tags available after December 1, 2007. Before May 26, only two tags may be purchased, except Special Unit Tags may be purchased at any time.

- General Tag (one tag per person per year)
- Extra Tag (two tags per person per year)
- **Special Units Tags (three tags per person per year)**

A hunter may use the general tag to hunt in any spring general season and also use this tag with a controlled hunt permit to hunt in a controlled hunt. A second spring bird may be taken May 1 to May 25 with the extra turkey tag. If the general tag or extra tag is not filled during the spring hunt, then that unused tag can be used in a fall general hunt or fall controlled hunt.

The spring and fall controlled turkey permits are valid only for specific areas and seasons as designated by Hunt Number (pages 34 and 35). A turkey hunter **MUST** have a spring controlled hunt permit and a general tag to hunt in a spring controlled hunt. An extra tag cannot be used in a spring controlled hunt. **An extra tag may be used in a fall controlled hunt with a Fall Controlled Hunt Permit.**

**A Special Unit Tag may be used during Fall General Seasons in Units 1, 2, 3 and 5. A Special Unit Tag is also valid for any designated turkey depredation hunt.**

A junior hunter with a Junior/DAV/Senior General Tag may hunt in the General Season Youth Hunt.

A Youth Only Controlled Hunt Permit is valid for the general youth only season prior to April 15th.

## Controlled Hunts

For controlled hunt worksheet see page 32 and list of hunts see pages 34 and 35.

Eligibility: Holders of valid hunting licenses are eligible to apply for controlled hunts subject to the following restrictions:

- Holders of a Nongame Hunting License may not apply for any controlled hunt.
- Any person applying for a bighorn sheep, mountain goat, or moose controlled hunt may NOT apply for any other controlled hunt in the same year, EXCEPT unlimited controlled hunts, a controlled black bear hunt, controlled turkey hunts, or a designated depredation hunt, x-hunts, and second draw for deer, elk, antelope, fall bear and crane.

## Application Dates:

- Spring hunt application period:  
**January 18, 2008 to February 25, 2008**  
January 15, 2009 to February 15, 2009.
- **Fall hunt application period:**  
**May 1, 2008 to June 5, 2008**  
**May 1, 2009 to June 5, 2009.**

Applications may be submitted electronically at any Fish and Game license vendor, by telephone (1-800-554-8685 or 1-800-824-3729), on the Fish and Game website (hunting section), or by mail. Mail applications must be received at any Fish and Game office and postmarked no later than the last day of the application period. Applications will be taken beginning no earlier than the first day of the application period. Applications must comply with the following requirements:

- Only one application per person or group will be accepted. Additional applications will result in all applicants being declared ineligible.
- Each applicant for controlled hunts must submit a \$6.25 nonrefundable application fee with their application. One dollar of this fee may be designated for the Citizens Against Poaching program.
- A single payment (either cashier's check, money order, certified check, or personal check) may be submitted to cover fees for all applications in the same envelope. If a check or money order is insufficient to cover the fees, all applications will be voided.
- From the first day of the application period to the last day of the application period, Visa, MasterCard, and Discover cards may be used to make telephone applications. Those using the credit card system will pay the \$6.25 fee in

addition to a service charge for completing and processing the computerized application and delivering it to Fish and Game. Charges will be explained upon request. To apply by credit card, dial 1-800-554-8685 or 1-800-824-3729, 24-hours a day, or use the Fish & Game website under the hunting section.

**Group Application** is defined as two hunters applying for the same controlled hunt on the same application.

**Refunds Of Controlled Hunt Fee:** Hunting license fees will NOT be refunded to unsuccessful applicants. Application fees for controlled hunts are not refundable.

**Second Choice Drawing:** Single or group applications which are not drawn for the first choice hunt will automatically be entered into a second choice drawing provided the second choice hunt applied for has not been filled.

**Notification:** It is the applicants' responsibility to find out if they were successful in the controlled hunt drawing. Results for spring seasons will be available by March 10 under the hunting section of the Fish and Game web page at <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov>. Fish and Game will mail a postcard notification to all successful applicants by March 10. Results for fall seasons will be available by July 10.

**Nonresident Permit Limitations:** On 2008 and 2009 controlled hunts, not more than 10 percent of permits may be issued to nonresidents.

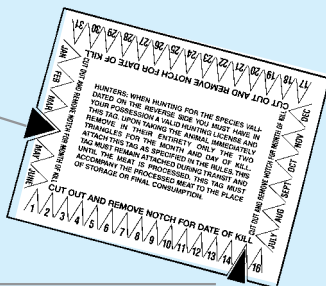
**Unfilled (Leftover) Controlled Hunt Permits:** Any spring controlled hunt permits for turkey that remain unsold after controlled hunt drawings, may be sold on a first-come, first-served basis on or after April 1. Unsold fall controlled hunt permits will go on sale July 22. Controlled hunt permits will be issued to successful applicants. The 10 percent nonresident limitation shall not apply.

## Miscellaneous Information

Tag Validation And Attachment:

- Immediately after any wild turkey is killed, a turkey tag must be validated and securely attached to the bird.
- To validate the tag, the hunter must cut out and completely remove two triangles on the border of the tag, one for the month and one for the day of the kill.
- The tag must remain attached as long as the turkey is in transit or storage.

Hunters must completely remove two notches indicating month and day of kill.



## Methods of Take — Restrictions

- With lead shot exceeding BB size or steel shot exceeding T size.
- By use of dogs, except during fall hunts.
- Also see page 10.

## Areas Closed to Hunting of Turkeys

See page 11.

## Controlled Hunt Worksheet/Application

Applications can be submitted electronically at any F&G license vendor. Applications can be made using your credit card by calling 1-800-554-8685 or 1-800-824-3729 or the F&G website. Controlled hunt worksheets can be mailed with proper fees to any F&G office. Call in 3% plus \$5.50. Inernet 3% plus \$3.50.

Use this worksheet to speed up the application process. Fill in the blanks with your hunting license and controlled hunt numbers before you apply. Group Applicants: Two hunters may apply on the same application for turkey, spring and fall bear, moose, sheep, goat, Canada goose, or sandhill crane.

HOW MANY HUNTERS ARE APPLYING?

Designate \$1 of Fee to C.A.P?  
(Citizens Against Poaching)

(Single application for deer, elk, antelope, bear, moose, goat, sheep, Canada goose, sandhill crane, or turkey)

NAME #1

Date of Birth

LICENSE NUMBER

Yes

No

(Group application for deer, elk, antelope, bear, moose, goat, sheep, Canada goose, sandhill crane, or turkey)

NAME #2

Date of Birth

LICENSE NUMBER

FEE TO APPLY = \$6.25 PER HUNTER

1st Choice Hunt Number

2nd Choice Hunt Number

Controlled Hunt Applicants: Use this form for one species application only.  
You may photocopy this form.

## QUICK TAG OVERVIEW

### If You Want to Hunt...

### Buy a License AND a ...

General Season, Spring Turkey.....	General Turkey Tag
General Season, After April 30 .....	General or Extra Turkey Tag
General Season Fall Turkey .....	General or Extra Turkey Tag
Controlled Hunt, Spring Season .....	Apply for a Controlled Hunt Permit <b>Jan 18–Feb. 25, 2008</b>
	Apply for a Controlled Hunt Permit Jan 15 — Feb 15, 2009
	and buy a General Turkey Tag (leftover permits go on sale April 1)
Controlled Hunt, Fall Season.....	Apply for a Controlled Hunt Permit <b>May 1–June 5, 2008</b>
	Apply for a Controlled Hunt Permit May 1—June 5, 2009
	and use the Permit with a General or Extra Turkey Tag (leftover permits go on sale July 22)



**APPLY FOR CONTROLLED HUNTS BY PHONE: 1-800-554-8685**

Use your VISA, MASTERCARD, OR DISCOVER card and this toll -free phone number to apply for controlled hunt permits.  
See page 7 for Wild Turkey Controlled Hunt Seasons.

# Turkey Seasons

## General Hunt Seasons

(maps on page 39)

- **April 12-14 2008 and April 11-14, 2009.** General Spring Youth Hunt in Game Management Units open to General Season turkey hunting (See page 30 for age requirements) and open in Controlled Hunt areas to holders of a Youth Only Controlled Hunt Permit.
- **April 15, 2008 through May 25, 2008 and April 15, 2009 through May 25, 2009.** General Spring Hunt in Game Management Units 1, 2 (Except Farragut State Park and Farragut WMA) & Units 3, 4, 4A, 5, 6, 8, 8A, 10, 10A, 11, 11A, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 16A, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 31, 32 (except that portion in Payette County), 32A, 33, 39, 73, 74, 75, 77 and 78.
- **September 15, 2008 through December 15, 2008 and September 15, 2009 through December 15, 2009.** General Falls Hunt in Game Management Units 1, 2 (except Farragut State Park and Farragut WMA) 3, 4, 4A, 5 and 6.
- **September 15, 2008 through October 31, 2008 and September 15, 2009 through October 31, 2009.** General Fall Hunt in Game Management Units 73, 74, 75, 77 and 78.
- **September 15, 2008 through October 9, 2008 and September 15, 2009 through October 9, 2009.** General Fall Hunt in Game Management Units 8, 8A, 10, 10A, 11, 11A, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 16A, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 31, 32 (except that portion in Payette County), and 32A. Units 33 and 39 are closed to fall hunting.
- **November 21, 2008 through December 31, 2008 and November 21, 2009 through December 31, 2009.** General Fall Hunt in Game Management Units 8, 8A, 10A, 11, 11A, and 16. This hunt is open on private lands only.

## Bag and Possession Limits

The daily bag limit is one bearded turkey per day in the spring and one turkey (either sex) per day in the fall, except in Units, 1, 2, 3 and 5 where 5 turkeys (either sex) may be taken in a day during fall seasons. No more than 2 bearded turkeys may be taken per spring. A hunter may harvest as many turkeys as they have legal tags for during the year.

### Tags: There are three types of tags.

**The general tag** is valid for spring and fall seasons. It can also be used during spring or fall controlled hunts with the purchase of a controlled hunt permit. If the general tag is not used to harvest a turkey in the spring it may be used in fall seasons.

**The extra tag** is valid for general seasons in spring between May 1 — 25 and in fall general or fall controlled hunt seasons. Fall controlled hunt permit hunters may also use extra tags in general season hunts.

**Special Unit Tag** is valid for fall season in Units 1, 2, 3 or 5. The Special Unit Tag is also valid for any designated depredation hunt during the calendar year.

## Wild Turkey Controlled Hunt Seasons — Spring 2008 - 2009



**Use these numbers on your controlled hunt application.**

Refer to Big Game Rules for unit boundary descriptions or this web site: <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/cms/hunt/rules/bg/units.pdf>. Youth Hunts - hunter must be 15 years of age or younger on the opening day of the youth hunt.

Hunt No	Controlled Hunt Area Descriptions	Spring Hunts	Permits
9001	938-1: All of Unit 38 and that portion of Unit 32 in Payette County.	April 15-May 25 <b>Access is Limited</b>	75
9002	938-2: All of Unit 38 and that portion of Unit 32 in Payette County.	<b>Youth Hunt</b> April 12 - May 25, 2008 April 11 - May 25, 2009 <b>Access is Limited</b>	60
9003	950-1: All of Unit 50, 51, 58, 59, 59A, 60, 60A, 61, 62, 62A, 63, 63A, 64, 65, 66, 67, 69.	April 15 - April 30	125*
9004	950-2: All of Unit 50, 51, 58, 59, 59A, 60, 60A, 61, 62, 62A, 63, 63A, 64, 65, 66, 67, 69.	May 1 - May 25	125*
9005	950-3: All of Unit 50, 51, 58, 59, 59A, 60, 60A, 61, 62, 62A, 63, 63A, 64, 65, 66, 67, 69.	<b>Youth Hunt</b> April 12 - May 25, 2008 April 11 - May 25, 2009	50*
9006	954-1: All of Unit 54.	<b>Youth Hunt</b> April 12 - May 25, 2008 April 11 - May 25, 2009	30
9007	954-2: All of Unit 54.	April 15 - May 5	24
9008	954-3: All of Unit 54.	May 6 - May 25	24
9009	968A-1: All of Unit 68A.	<b>Youth Hunt</b> April 12 - May 25, 2008 April 11 - May 25, 2009	15*
9010	968A-2: All of Unit 68A.	April 15 - April 30	15*
9011	968A-3: All of Unit 68A.	May 1 - May 25	15*
9012	971-1: All of Unit 71.	<b>Youth Hunt</b> April 12 - May 25, 2008 April 11 - May 25, 2009	50
9013	971-2: All of Unit 71.	April 15 - April 30	50
9014	971-3: All of Unit 71.	May 1 - May 25	50
9015	936B-1: All of Units 36B and 37.	April 15 - May 25 <b>Access is Limited</b> (Recommend do not apply unless you have access to private property)	15
9016	936B-2: All of Units 36B and 37.	<b>Youth Hunt</b> April 12 - May 25, 2008 April 11 - May 25, 2009 <b>Access is Limited</b> (Recommend do not apply unless you have access to private property)	5

\* See Page 11 for areas closed to turkey hunting, i.e., federal refuges, bird refuges, active bald eagle nests, etc.

## Wild Turkey Controlled Hunt Seasons — Fall 2008 - 2009



**Use these numbers on your controlled hunt application.**

Refer to Big Game Rules for unit boundary descriptions or this web site: <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/cms/hunt/rules/bg/units.pdf>. Youth Hunts - hunter must be 15 years of age or younger on the opening day of the youth hunt.

Hunt No	Controlled Hunt Descriptions	Fall Hunts	Permits
<b>9017</b>	<b>971-4:</b> All of Unit 71.	Sept 15 - Dec 31	100
<b>9018</b>	<b>971-5:</b> All of Unit 71.	<b>Youth Hunt</b> Sept 15 - Dec 31	100
<b>9019</b>	<b>950-4:</b> All of Unit 50, 51, 58, 59, 59A, 60, 60A, 61, 62, 62A, 63, 63A, 64, 65, 66, 67, 69.	<b>Youth Hunt</b> Sept 15 - Nov 30	25

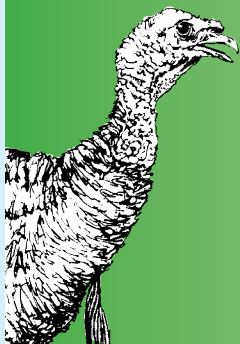
### Turkey Hunting Safety and Ethics

1. Positively identify your target.
2. Assume every noise and movement is another hunter.
3. Never stalk a turkey or turkey sound.
4. Don't wear red, white, or blue.
5. Protect your back.
6. Shout "Stop" to alert approaching hunters.
7. Make your position known to other hunters.
8. Preselect a zone of fire.
9. Choose safe, ethical hunting companions.
10. Practice courtesy and self-control at all times.

All ethical wild turkey hunters support a series of rules that make wild turkey hunting the quality experience it can be. Following these rules will not only help maintain healthy flocks of wild turkeys in Idaho, but will also add to the challenge and excitement that is wild turkey hunting.

- **Do not disturb nesting hen turkeys or their nests.**
- **Though legal (during legal hours) to shoot a tom out of a roost tree, this practice is unacceptable among most sportsmen.**
- **If you hear another hunter calling a bird, allow that hunter to continue undisturbed and leave the area.**
- **Ask first to hunt on private land.**





## Attention Hunters!

The area you are hunting may be infested with noxious weeds — non-native invasive plants that destroy turkey habitat.

To report noxious weeds, call the Idaho Weed Awareness hotline at 1-866-IDWEEDS. You can help stop the spread of noxious weeds in Idaho.

## Turkey Depredation Hunt Sign Up

Special controlled hunts (not listed in these rules) are sometimes used to relieve game damage problems. If these hunts are needed, they will be held on short notice, involve small areas, and be limited to a few hunters.

**How Can I Participate?** If you are an Idaho resident, with a valid hunting or combination license, fill out the form on this page and mail it to the regional office in the area(s) you are willing to hunt. (You may photocopy this form if necessary.)

All applications received from May 1 to June 30, 2008 will be placed in random order. All applications received after June 30 will be placed at the end of the list in the order received. The list will be valid from July 1, 2008 to the following June 30, 2009.

**What Are My Chances of Drawing A Depredation Permit?** Most regions issue only a few of depredation permits each year.

### Special Unit Tags

A Special Unit Tag is valid for fall season in Units 1, 2, 3 or 5. The Special Unit Tag is also valid for any designated depredation hunt during the calendar year.

## 2008- 2009 Depredation Hunt Application

### I/We are applying for Turkey Depredation Hunts

1st Hunter \_\_\_\_\_ Hunting license No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work) \_\_\_\_\_  
2nd Hunter \_\_\_\_\_ Hunting license No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work) \_\_\_\_\_

### Game Management Units

### Send To:

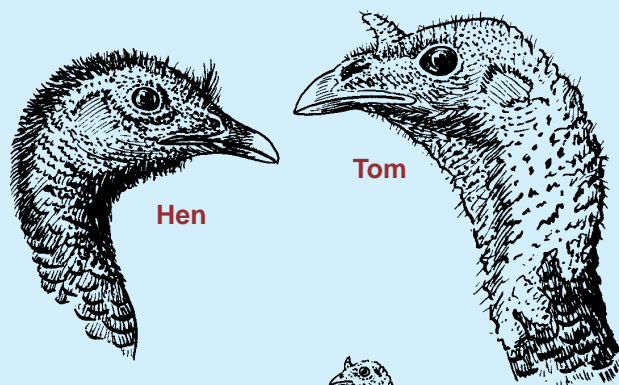
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8, 8A, 10-19, 20 ..... 3316 - 16th Street, Lewiston, ID 83501  
19A, 22-24, 31-34, 38-39 ..... 3101 South Powerline Road, Nampa, ID 83686  
68A, 71, 73, 74, 75, 77, 78..... 1345 Barton Road, Pocatello, ID 83204  
50, 51, 58, 59, 59A, 60, 60A  
61, 62, 62A, 63, 63A, 64-67, 69 ..... 4279 Commerce Circle, Idaho Falls, ID 83401  
36B, 37 ..... P.O. Box 1336, Salmon, ID 83467

Clip and mail to appropriate Regional Office, Fish and Game,  
Attn.: Turkey Depredation Hunts.

## Identifying “Toms”

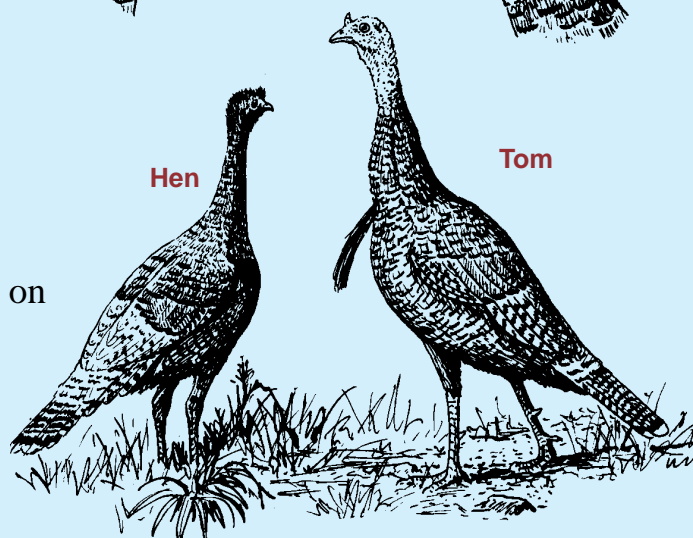
### Heads

- Hen: Scattering of short black velvety hair-like feathers. Head smaller and blacker than toms.
- Tom: Head bald with narrow band of feathers up the back of neck. Colors bright reddish-blue in spring.



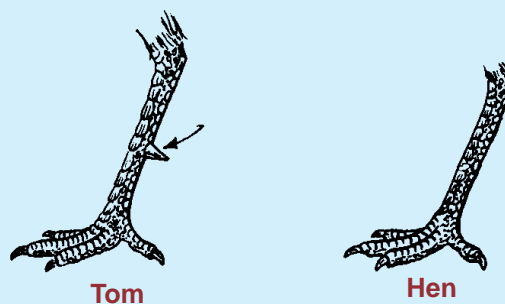
### Beards

- Beards up to 10” in length are present on the breasts of mature toms. Beards are generally absent on hens.



### Evidence of Spurs

- Spurs on toms.
- Very small or absent on hens.







The Idaho Fish & Game, and the Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) in cooperation with the Idaho Fish and Game Advisory Committee have developed a new sportsmen's access and landowner incentive program titled *Access Yes!*

The goal of *Access Yes!* is to provide hunting and fishing access on or through private land in Idaho for current and future generations. The program was first introduced in 2003 and will grow over the next few years. When fully implemented, the program could provide access to over 1,000,000 acres of private land in Idaho. Money from a lottery drawing for Super Hunt Tags and voluntary donations provide a significant source of income for the program. Your participation in the Super Hunt lottery and voluntary donations will help achieve a private land access program of which Idaho's sportsmen and landowners can be proud.

A fundamental component to future success of the *Access Yes!* program is how sportsmen treat private property. Each landowner enrolled in the program has specific conditions that they require sportsmen to follow. We thank sportsmen for adhering to these conditions and respecting private property. Visit this site for more information on *Access Yes!*:

<http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/ifwis/huntplanner/accessyesguide.aspx>

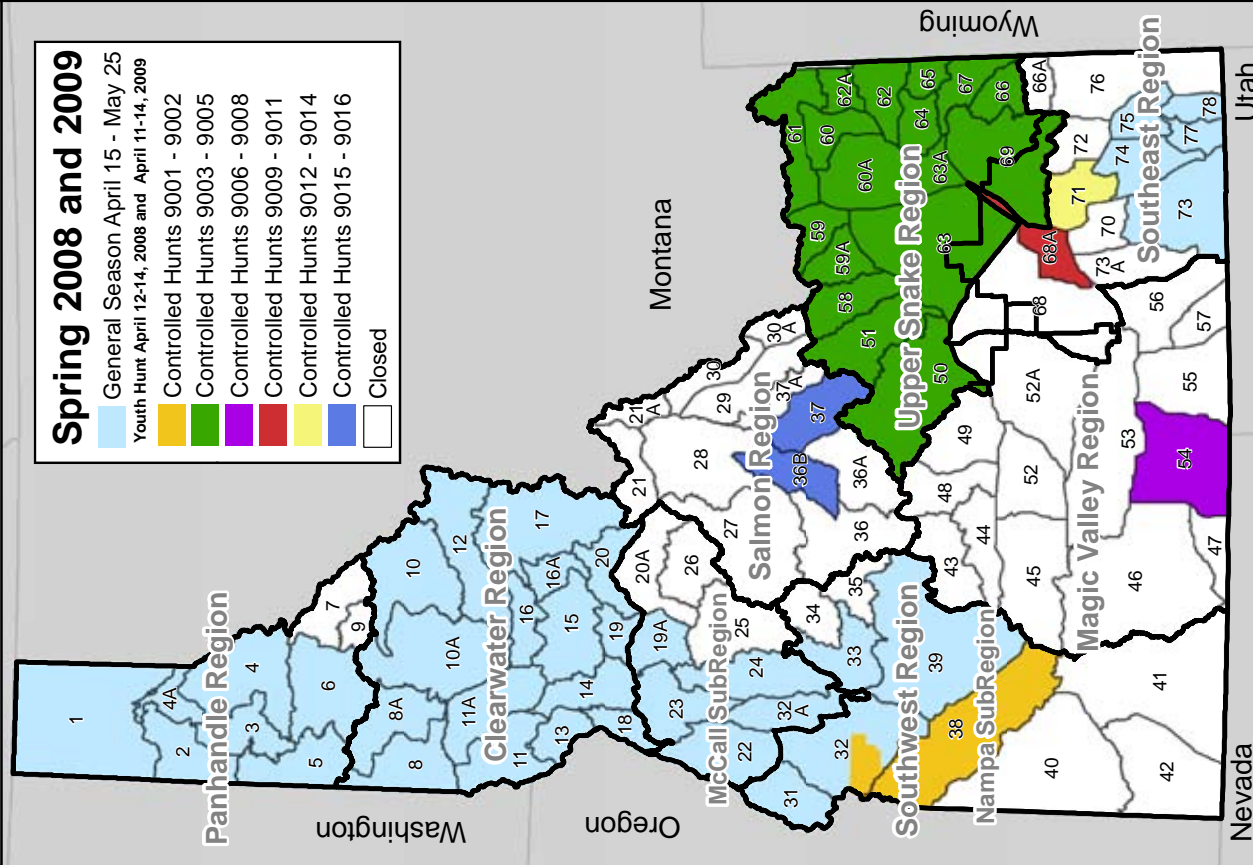


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- **On-line Fishing Planner:**  
<http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/ifwis/Fishingplanner/>
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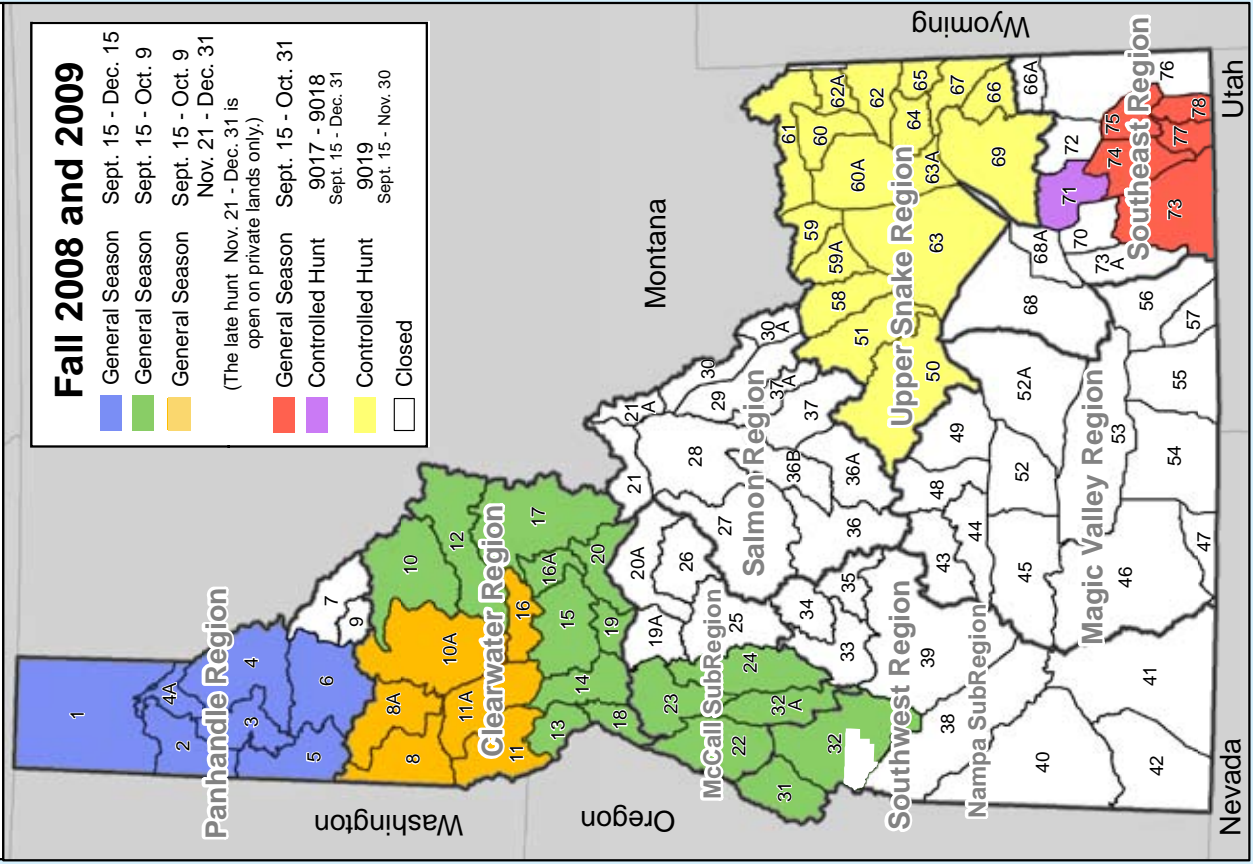
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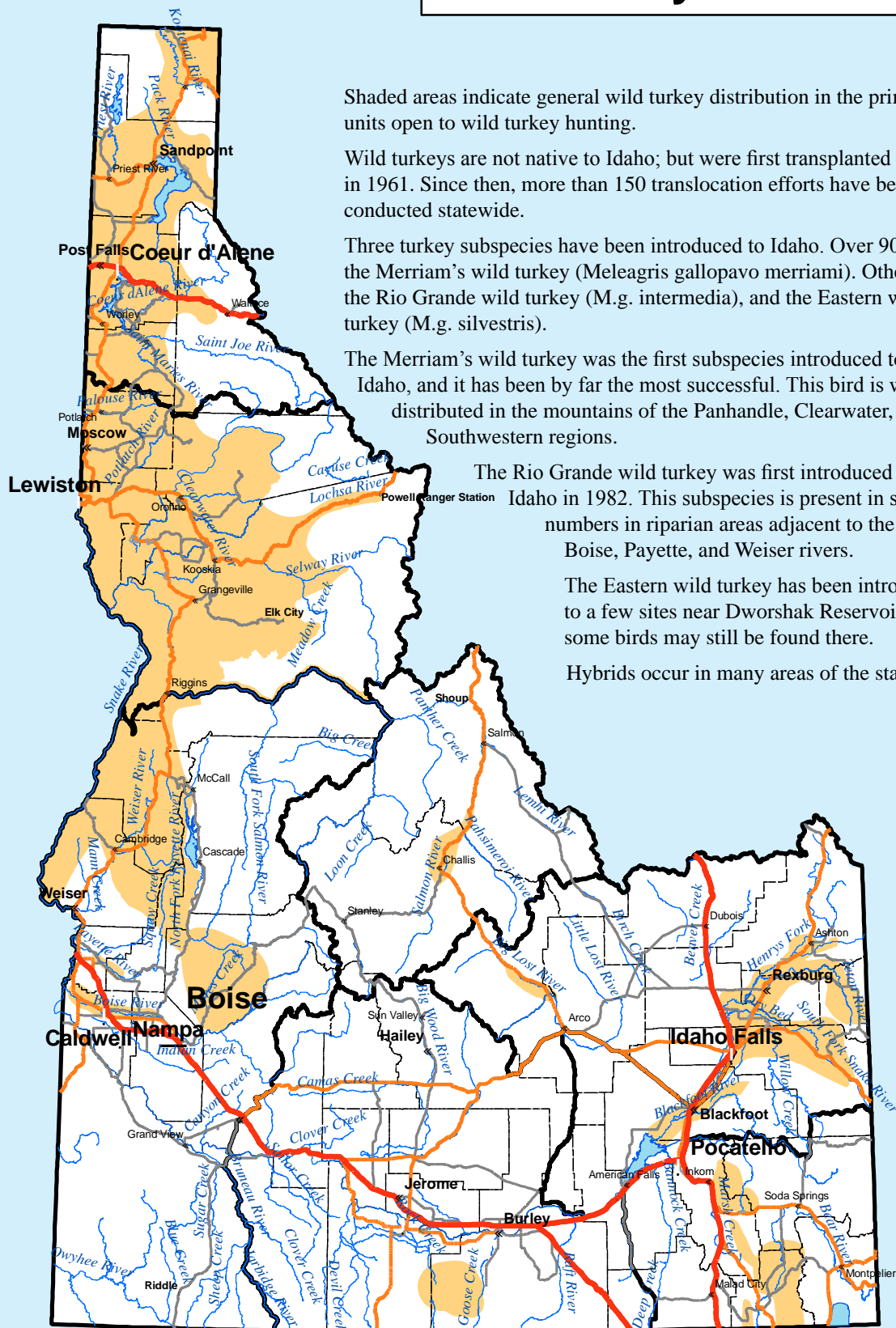


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MAP FOR GENERAL REFERENCE ONLY



# Wild Turkey Distribution



Shaded areas indicate general wild turkey distribution in the primary units open to wild turkey hunting.

Wild turkeys are not native to Idaho; but were first transplanted here in 1961. Since then, more than 150 translocation efforts have been conducted statewide.

Three turkey subspecies have been introduced to Idaho. Over 90% are the Merriam's wild turkey (*Meleagris gallopavo merriami*). Others are the Rio Grande wild turkey (*M.g. intermedia*), and the Eastern wild turkey (*M.g. silvestris*).

The Merriam's wild turkey was the first subspecies introduced to Idaho, and it has been by far the most successful. This bird is widely distributed in the mountains of the Panhandle, Clearwater, and Southwestern regions.

The Rio Grande wild turkey was first introduced to Idaho in 1982. This subspecies is present in small numbers in riparian areas adjacent to the Snake, Boise, Payette, and Weiser rivers.

The Eastern wild turkey has been introduced to a few sites near Dworshak Reservoir, and some birds may still be found there.

Hybrids occur in many areas of the state.